GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Piped Water Supply
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for supply of piped drinking water in 50 per cent rural areas of the country by the year 2017;
(b) if so, the details of works carried out in Gujarat particularly Narmada and Bharich region under the said target;
(c) the number of villages in Gujarat particularly in Narmada and Bharich region supplied with piped drinking water so far;
(d) whether all households in Gujarat are being supplied 40 litre per capita drinking water and if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government has conducted any review in this regard; and
(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) Yes Madam. This Ministry has prepared a Strategic Plan for providing drinking water supply in rural areas of the country for the period 2011-2022 under which the interim goal till 2017 is to cover 50% of all rural households with piped water supply (PWS).
(b) As per information received from State Government of Gujarat, 88% of rural habitations have been covered under Piped Water Supply scheme. In Narmada, 96% and in Bharuch (as reported by State Government of Gujarat), 85% of rural habitations have been covered with piped water supply.
(c) This Ministry maintains data in terms of habitations and not in terms of villages. As reported by State Government of Gujarat on website of this Ministry, total rural habitations in Gujarat is 36066, out of which 33029 habitations are covered with PWS as on 06.02.2017. In Bharuch; out of 793 habitations, 708 are covered with PWS and in Narmada; out of 718 habitations, 694 are covered with PWS.
(d) Yes Madam. Provision of supply of 40 litre per capita drinking water is maintained at habitation level. In Gujarat, all habitations are being supplied with 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) drinking water.
(e) & (f) Rural Water Supply is a State Subject. However, under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides financial & technical assistance to State Governments for rural drinking water supply. In order to review the status & pace of coverage of rural water supply, every year between February and April, Annual Action Plan meetings are held with Departments of State Governments dealing with rural drinking water supply, wherein the progress achieved under different components of NRDWP are reviewed and targets for the next financial year are fixed. Officers of the Ministry are also deputed to States for field visits and review the progress of implementation. Further, Area Officers are nominated for all States and they participate in the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committees (SLSSC) so as to ensure that the project proposals are as per the mutually agreed Action Plan.